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Utilities Division

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RE:

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UTILITY SOURCE, L.L.C. FOR A

CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (DOCKET NOS.

WS-04235A-04-0073 AND WS-04235A-04-0074)

On January 30, 2004, Utility Source, L.L.C. ("Company") filed an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to provide water and wastewater service in Coconino County, Arizona. On January 4, 2005, the Commission issued Decision No. 67446 granting a CC&N conditioned upon compliance with the Decision.

One of the conditions was that the Company obtain a performance bond as a measure of protection for customers. This condition was placed upon the Company due to its lack of experience in operating water and wastewater systems. Also, the Company had been operating a system without a CC&N for some time and was out of compliance with the Arizona Department of Water Quality ("ADWR") and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ"). The Commission ordered that the Company obtain a bond in the amount of \$250,000 and to maintain such bond until otherwise ordered by the Commission.

On January 26, 2011, the Company filed a letter respectfully requesting that the Commission consider eliminating the requirement for the Company to maintain said bond. On March 30, 2011, the Commission voted to grant a time extension until June 1st for the Company to either renew its bond or for Staff to review the request and recommend to the Commission whether or not to release the bond requirement.

Based on its analysis, Staff has concluded that the Company is in compliance with Decision No. 67446, ADWR, and ADEQ. Staff, therefore, recommends that the Commission issue an Order eliminating the requirement for the Company to maintain a performance bond.

Steven M. Olea

Director

Utilities Division

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Originator: Kimberly Battista

BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 1 **GARY PIERCE** 2 Chairman **BOB STUMP** 3 Commissioner BRENDA K. BURNS 4 Commissioner PAUL NEWMAN 5 Commissioner SANDRA D. KENNEDY 6 Commissioner 7 DOCKET NO. WS-04235A-04-0073 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION 8 DOCKET NO. WS-04235A-04-0074 UTILITY SOURCE, L.L.C. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND 9 NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER DECISION NO. 10 SERVICE IN COCONINO COUNTY, **ARIZONA** 11 FINAL ORDER 12 13 14 Open Meeting April 12, 2011 15 Phoenix, Arizona 16 BY THE COMMISSION: Having considered the entire record herein and being fully advised in the premises, the 17 Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") finds, concludes, and orders that: 18 **FINDINGS OF FACT** 19 On January 30, 2004, Utility Source, L.L.C. ("Utility Source" or "Company") filed 1. 20 an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to provide water and 21 22 wastewater service in Coconino County, Arizona. On January 4, 2005, the Commission issued Decision No. 67446 granting a CC&N 2. 23 24 conditioned upon compliance with the Decision. One of the conditions was that the Company obtain a performance bond as a 25 3. measure of protection for customers. This condition was placed upon the Company due to its lack 26 of experience in operating water and wastewater systems. 27 28

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4. The Company had been operating a system without a CC&N for some time and was out of compliance with the Arizona Department of Water Quality ("ADWR") and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ"). The Commission ordered that the Company obtain a bond in the amount of \$250,000 and to maintain such bond until otherwise ordered by the Commission.

- 5. On January 26, 2011, the Company filed a letter respectfully requesting that the Commission consider eliminating the requirement for the Company to maintain said bond.
- 6. On March 30, 2011, the Commission voted to grant a time extension until June 1st for the Company to either renew its bond or for Staff to review the request and recommend to the Commission whether or not to release the bond requirement.
- 7. Based on its analysis, Staff has concluded that the Company is in compliance with Decision No. 67446, ADWR, and ADEQ. Staff, therefore, recommends that the Commission issue an Order eliminating the requirement for the Company to maintain a performance bond.
 - 8. Staff's recommendations are reasonable and shall be adopted.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Utility Source is a public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and Arizona Revised Statutes §§ 40-252, 40-281 and 40-282.
- 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Utility Source and of the subject matter of the application.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Utility Source, L.L.C. request for elimination of the
performance bond originally issued in Decision No. 67446 is hereby approved.

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2	remain in effect.						
3	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.						
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